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LOKOYA CONFERENCE

The Lokoya Conference of the Pilgrim Fellowships of Redwood Empire and Upper Bay Associations will be held at the Lokoya Boys' Camp, near Napa, August 7 to 13. The theme is "Building Today for Tomorrow."

Lokoya is a high school conference, open to students of the 9th to the 12th grade. A limited number of older young people will be used in positions of leadership.

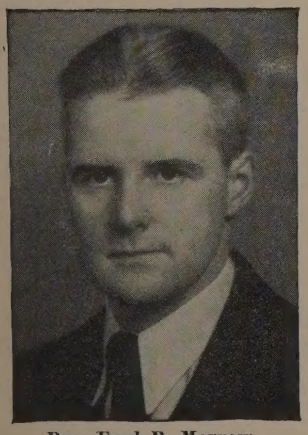
The conference officers are: President, Stanley Benedict, Pittsburg; vice-presidents, Albert Brians, Cotati, and Calvin Dulaney, Benicia; secretary, Doris Brians, Cotati; treasurer, Robert Dings, Pittsburg. The director of the conference is Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburg; assistant director and registrar, Alfred Focht of Cotati; dean of men, Rev. Victor Morgan of Rio Vista; dean of women, Mrs. Victor Morgan; director of music, Evan Keislar; swimming director, Rev. Westwood Wallace of Martinez; chaplain, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger of Antioch; program chairman, Rev. R. C. Waddell of Petaluma.

ZEPHYR POINT — AN IDEAL PLACE

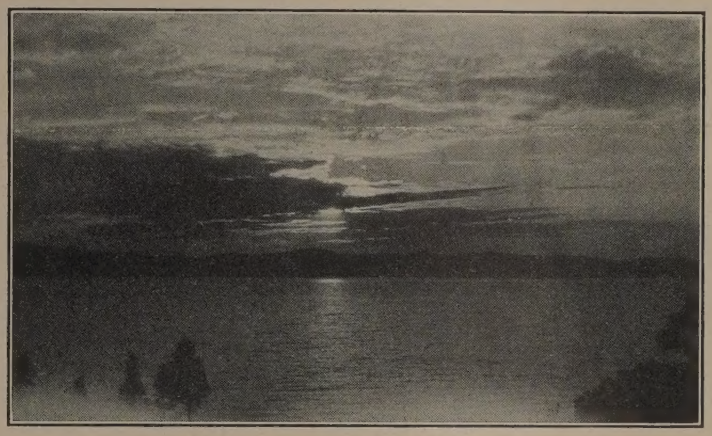
This property consists of thirty acres of ground, with almost a half mile of shoreline. The purpose of Zephyr Point is to furnish an ideal place for physical recreation and spiritual inspiration. Two main features are included: an ideal conference ground, with equipment for conferences up to 300 in number, and camping locations where entire families may go and at very moderate cost spend a period of real rest and enjoyment. It is equipped with a large dining hall, an administration building, and also a large auditorium seating 500 people.

There is also a large dormitory for girls, a tent dormitory for boys, and one for girls, faculty tents, and play grounds. A modern sanitary system is installed.

The "Point" juts far out into the lake, thus furnishing a superb view of that matchless body of water, with Mount Nebo rising 200 feet above.



Rev. Fred R. Morrow
Zephyr Point Conference Director



SUNSET AT ZEPHYR POINT CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Beauty unexcelled and the lift of the high places will be the daily breath of life to Congregational young people who gather July 30 to August 6 for the Pilgrim Fellowship Northern California Conference at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. Situated on the Nevada side of California's biggest and highest lake, facing Mt. Tallac and Emerald Bay, this incomparable conference site promises to be in itself one of the major attractions of the summer's gathering.

But that is not all! Here in this bracing altitude will be conducted a conference in all the finest tradition of thirteen fruitful years at Asilomar. To leaders drawn from all parts of Northern California will be added a representative of Congregationalism's far-flung "Line of Sharing." From north and south and east and west will come the very cream of youth leadership, to mingle in a week of solid learning, splendid vision, and fellowship.

Those of our churches whose interest has expressed itself in sending its promising young people, year by year, to the summer conference have reaped a rich reward in growing enthusiasm and vitality. It is the belief of those responsible for this year's program that 1938 will furnish no exception to this rule, but that the Zephyr Point Conference will be marked up as a memorable period in the experience of all who attend.

COURSES AND LEADERS

Time—July 30-August 6.

Place — Presbyterian Conference ground, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Who?—Young people of high school, college, and post-college age.

Program—Study, worship, service, recreation, inspiration.

Age-groups — Completely adapted program for each age-group.

Subjects of study—Bible, worship, peace-making, recreation, local and state Pilgrim Fellowship methods, World Service, the Church, journalism, personality development, cooperatives, comparative religions, how to teach, Christian marriage.

Leaders—Fred Morrow, U. C. relious worker, director; Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, First Church, Oakland, Chaplain; Mr. Lawton Harris, East Bay Church Federation, Recreation Director; Mr. Fred Roehr, San Mateo Junior College, Music; A. R. Boone, Lodi; Arthur Casaday, Berkeley; Godfrey Matthews, Hayward; Victor Morgan, Rio Vista; Dorothy Bennett, Oakland; E. V. Tenney, Fresno; Russell Proffitt, Oakland; Wm. R. Steininger, Antioch; John Gregg, Porterville; E. T. Sherman, California; Wm. F. Meyer, San Francisco.

Cost—$11.50 plus registration, $2.00, total $13.50 ($2 less than last year).

YOUNG ADULTS

"If my church could send only three delegates to conferences," said a director of religious education in Michigan, "I should urge sending two adults and one young person." We can hope for comparatively little progress in our churches until we improve our leadership and conserve what potential leadership we have been developing.

We are trying to solve the problem of our adult loss to the churches. It would seem that we train the youth in our churches and Sunday schools from the kindergarten through the grammar school, high school, and college ages, and then we leave them without leadership and without incentive or task to carry on in our churches. They are just ready to be of service when we neglect to challenge them with worth while opportunities.

The officers of our churches are adults, the teachers of the children in our Sunday schools are adults, the great majority of church members are adults, and a new group of adults must be prepared to take the places vacated. These young adults need the inspiration and training of post-graduate work which can be secured at the summer conferences. The inspiration and guidance received at the summer conference will launch them into active service and carry forward the work of the church. What would it not mean to have several adults attending summer conference at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, July 30 to August 6 of this year!

The cost would be but $13.50 for each delegate, and the churches would make worth while investments by paying half of the expense. The summer conference may be as effective a force for adults as it is for young people. There are several major courses offered to young adults at Zephyr Point, and they are of outstanding value. One is on Marriage and Home, and another on How to Teach.

WEST BAY CONFERENCE

The new West Bay Young People's Conference is to be held at the Oakland Y Camp, Memorial Redwood Park, San Mateo County, from August 15 to 21. The camp site is about 10 miles south of La Honda, centrally located for the churches between San Francisco and Santa Cruz. This year's initial district conference will be limited to 75 delegates, and the entire cost of the conference for six days will be $7.50. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo will direct the gathering, and he is being ably supported by a committee of young people and pastors from the churches of the district, who are meeting to formulate plans for this conference.

The camp schedule for each day will include three class periods in the morning, with organized recreation in the afternoon, and campfire meetings in the evenings. Each day will begin with a chapel service, led by Rev. Charles E. Ward, chaplain. There will also be devotional services at the camp fire every evening. There is a swimming pool belonging to the camp, also volley ball and badminton courts. The faculty so far includes Alden Read, boy's counsellor, Joseph Bennett, Hubert Dunn, Victor Morgan, Principal Murdock, and Edwin T. Sherman, field secretary.

Every church on the San Francisco side of the Bay, and in the Santa Clara Association is entitled to send delegates to this Conference. The camp is for high school age young people, and college age students are encouraged to go to Zephyr Point. If you are interested in this gathering, write to Mr. Sidney H. Buckham, 225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo. Registrations must be in by July 1st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15-22—General Council of Congregational Churches, Beloit, Wis.

June 21-July 1—Institute of International Relations, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

July 17-22—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.

July 30-August 6 — Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.

August 6-13 — Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Lokoya.

October 11-12-13 — Annual meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, San Mateo.

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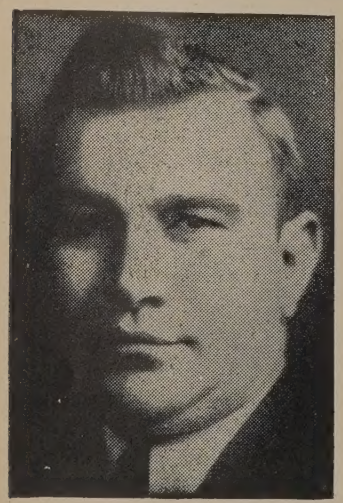
FREEDOM FROM DEBT

People of First Church, Berkeley, celebrated Palm Sunday by placing something more than $32,000 upon the Lord's table, thus ending by a strangely unstrenuous but wholly sacrificial effort a troublesome indebtedness held over from the building of its place of worship and Pilgrim Hall. The last $13,000 having been promised by individuals who had been previously approached by the minister, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, a strong impetus was furnished to "clear the boards" and to free a substantial sum annually for purposes more fundamental than that of paying interest.

The over-subscribing of the amount requested will insure the completion of the project within the two-year period covered by the pledges. It is also a testimony to the continued loyalty and vision of a congregation which, fifteen years ago, laid more than $110,000 upon the altar toward the building of the present structure. Unique in both instances was the absence of "high-pressure" solicitation, emphasis being placed wholly upon religious values, and the entire enterprise taking more the complexion of a spiritual revival than a financial campaign.



Mr. Fredric Roehr
Director of Music, Zephyr Point

CARE OF INDIANS

Interesting itemized lists of purchases made by Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas for the Indians of Modoc County are received from time to time. The money for the same comes from interest earnings on the Indian fund held in trust by this Conference. During the last three months the articles purchased for them are as follows: 52 yards of materials, 10 pair of shoes, 17 pair of hose, 4 dresses and 7 miscellaneous articles, expending a total of $44.74.

LOW WATER TABLE

A careful comparison of the soundings of the water levels of Benevolence Giving for April, 1938, as compared with April, 1937, shows a drop of just $465. Also comparison of the inflow between January 11 and April 30 of 1938 and 1937 shows a drop in the level of the three months' period of $357.60. In a few instances there has been an increase in the contributions from individual churches but some churches have decreased from last year, and some have not sent in any amount. It is possible that church treasurers have forgotten to send in just what was intended. Month by month is the best way to send in the contributions. A determined effort should be made by the treasurers and missionary committees to see to it that every dollar available is remitted before the summer vacation comes on. If we are to raise the goal adopted at the last Conference and to meet the increased statewide budget we must add $4,000 in new money before the year is over. Let us raise the water level to the necessary high mark.

Church	April 1938	Jan. 11 to Ap. 30, '38	Jan. 11 to Ap. 30, '37
Adin	.....	$ 10.40	$ 9.50
Alameda	.....	115.90	117.60
Angels Camp	.....	25.00	125.00
Antioch	.....	15.00	16.66
Auburn	.....	60.00	60.00
Benicia	.....	5.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	453.33	1,899.04	2,552.66
Kensington	.....	10.00	10.00
North	49.15	134.15	132.45
Park	.....	14.82	19.00
Campbell	.....	57.00	55.00
Cloverdale	2.05	18.65	10.30
Cotati	.....	31.50	.....
Crockett	.....	12.21	10.00
Eureka	23.00	88.47	106.46
Fairfax	.....	.....	11.00
Fe rdale	36.71	40.34	72.85
Fowler	.....	18.00	.....
Fresno, Cross	.....	.....	10.00
First	50.00	200.77	254.14
Pilgrim	.....	50.00	45.00
Guerneville	3.50	3.50	.....
Hayward	.....	.....	50.00
Kenwood	.....	11.61	13.70
Lodi, First	.....	265.00	360.00
Loomis	.....	.....	18.00
Martinez	12.20	82.28	91.94
Murphy	.....	60.00	50.00
Niles	.....	10.70	5.00
Oakland, First	416.66	1,773.46	1,926.64
Fruitvale	.....	12.00	12.00
Japanese	.....	5.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	10.50	15.36
Plymouth	59.17	195.36	209.60
Oroville	.....	20.00	80.00
Pacific Grove	33.70	104.28	107.40
Palo Alto	.....	500.00	450.00
Paradise	.....	30.00	47.33
Penngrove	.....	1.50	.....
Pescadero	5.00	5.00	.....
Petaluma	31.80	170.78	211.44
Pittsburg	10.25	33.50	33.15
Porterville	.....	60.00	37.50
Redwood City	49.40	153.50	160.00
Rio Vista	.....	30.00	.....
Ripon	11.21	33.92	32.91
Sacramento	.....	175.33	144.58
San Carlos	5.00	35.18	18.23
San Francisco, Bethany			
Mission Park	8.25	74.33	73.74
First	.....	381.13	431.65
Ocean View	.....	10.00	15.00
Richmond	.....	1.00	9.00
San Jose	65.00	220.00	230.00
San Leandro	6.00	14.58	29.23
San Mateo	87.50	87.50	60.00
San Rafael	.....	.....	24.00
Santa Cruz	.....	192.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	9.87	65.64	53.50
Saratoga	113.86	113.86	150.45
Sebastopol	.....	48.48	80.85
Sonoma	21.76	37.26	19.30
Soquel	14.00	25.00	10.00
Stockton	42.97	125.59	97.95
Suisun	37.00	37.00	35.45
Tulare	.....	110.00	120.00
Weaverville	.....	39.35	31.65
Woodside	10.00	20.00	.....
Reno, Nevada	24.02	76.67	120.77
Miscellaneous	140.00*	1,183.00*	353.50
	$1,832.36	$9.450.84	$9,808.44

*Includes Special Deficit gifts which will be credited to individual churches at the end of the year.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

The newly elected officers of Plymouth House for the year 1938-1939 are: President, Dayton Axtell; Vice-President, Dot Atkins; Treasurer, Ivan Wiley. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the director.

INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The fourth Institute of International Relations will be held at Mills College this summer from June 21 to July 1. The Institute is sponsored by the Congregational Council for Social Action and the American Friends Service Committee, and is one of eleven such peace programs being held throughout the United States this summer.

The Institute is open without restriction to all who wish to understand the influence of world conditions on the United States or to study the ethical and religious problem of war. The conference will provide an educational program for teachers, ministers, college students and community leaders. A feature of particular interest this year is a round table conducted by the National Conference of Jews and Christians on "Racial and Religious Factors in National and International Affairs," with Dr. Everett Clinchy and Dr. James Yard leading the discussion.

Miss Muriel Lester and Dr. T. Z. Koo, internationally known religious leaders, will lecture and lead discussions. Miss Lester, who has just returned from Shanghai will take as her theme "The Law of the Jungle and the Sermon on the Mount." Dr. Koo will lecture on the problems of the far east.

Other prominent figures from here and abroad who will make up the faculty of the Institute this summer include Dr. J. Anton de Haas, professor of International Relations at Harvard University; Dr. Wilhelm Sollmann, who served eight terms in the German Reich and two terms as secretary of the interior in the cabinet of Gustav Stresemann; Representative Jerry Voorhis, of the United States Congress, and Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, advisor to Secretary Hull at Buenos Aires.

A tuition fee of $10 covers the entire Institute and those wishing to stay on the Mills College campus may do so for a board and room charge of $20.00 or $22.50. Address inquiries to Joseph Conard, Mills College.

BON VOYAGE

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum, our veteran American Board missionaries, retiring from Turkey, left San Francisco on April 29. After visiting their children in Canada, they will go to Greece to settle in Old Phaleron.

MARRIED

Rev. Shintaro Nakayama, pastor of the Fresno Japanese Congregational Church, and Miss Kishiko Kawai, were united in marriage at the First Congregational Church of Fresno on April 19. Our heartiest and best wishes go with them.

C. E. CONVENTION

Christian Endeavor is FIFTY-ONE years old in California—as a state organization.

The 51st Annual Convention will be held in Oakland, June 25 to 28—in Civic Auditorium, seating some 8,000. Among speakers and leaders will be Homer Rodeheaver: Dr. Raphael Miller, pastor of the National City Christian Church of Washington, D. C., Dr. M. Howard Fagan of the Wilshire Christian Church of Los Angeles, and Dr. Jesse H. Baird, President of San Anselmo Seminary, and many others.

The Denominational Rally of our churches will be one of the interesting features of the convention, especially so since "CE" started in a Congregational church, Williston Street Church of Portland, Maine.

ORDAINED

Mr. Wilfred I. Orr, graduating from the Pacific School of Religion and pastor of the First Congregational Church of Benicia, was ordained on Thursday, April 28. President Herman F. Swartz delivered the sermon, Rev. Alden A. Read of San Carlos read the Scripture, Rev. William R. Steininger of Antioch gave the charge to the candidate, Dr. George T. Tolson of Pacific School of Religion gave the charge to the people, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburg gave the right hand of fellowship, and Dr. John W. Buckham of Pacific School of Religion offered the prayer.

AMERICANS IN CHINA

A limited supply of the leaflet "Americans in China" reprinted from an article by George E. Sokolsky, and the American Board leaflet on work in The Philippines (mentioned in the talks of Rev. and Mrs. James F. McKinley) now on hand in the Conference office.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Based on the story of the child Samuel, an excellent dramatic service has been prepared by Allen and Dorothy Hackett for Children's Day, June 12. With this is a printed program and special offering envelopes, all of which are available through the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, free to churches which take a special offering for Student Summer Service or which contribute regularly to the Apportionment.

For many years Children's Day offerings have been devoted to making possible a ministry to boys and girls in a host of home missionary parishes in disadvantaged areas in the South and West through the sending out of approximately 100 college and seminary young people in Student Summer Service. Last year this group conducted 272 Daily Vacation Bible Schools in which 10,701 children were enrolled.

WORLD SERVICE STORIES

World Service Stories for the spring of 1938 are now available, and have been mailed to all the church schools of northern California. For the primary department the story is "Si-Wah," prepared by Mr. Dan Yee, pastor of the Berkeley Chinese Church. Junior story is called "Armenia and Armenians," and was written by Rev. V. H. Yessayan, pastor of the Bethany Armenian Church of Oakland. Intermediate material is entitled "Japanese Friends in California," and was prepared in part by K. Kawai of the Fresno Japanese Church. Additional copies of these attractive leaflets are available upon request to the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Since they are descriptive of three phases of the work in the northern California area, they may also be helpful and interesting in women's circles and missionary groups.

Editorial work on this issue done by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman.

HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO Stewart

Down town on Geary St. above Union Square. Rates with bath $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 one person; $3.50 to $5.00 two persons; without bath $1.75 one person, $2.50 two persons. CHAS. A. and MARGARET STEWART, Proprietors.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, PARK. A ten weeks' series of Sunday evening studies in the History of Religion, supplemented by Sunday morning studies in the History of the Bible, is to be the emphasis of the church's interest during the next two months. The Easter service was largely attended, and especially noticeable were the Sunday school pupils together with the two combined choirs. The pastor, Rev. T. Watt, shared in the program of the union noonday services, also in the program over KRE at the Morning Watch hour.

TULARE. The primary Sunday school rooms, walls, ceilings, and floors, have been reconditioned and modern indirect lighting fixtures installed. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, was congratulated by his people on the 20th anniversary of his ordination. On Easter Sunday the church auditorium was beautifully decorated with lilies brought by the members, and an appreciative audience filled the church to capacity.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. At Angels Camp four united with the church from the pastor's preparatory class. Special choir and leader brought fine Easter music to a large group of worshippers. The High School J. O. Y. Club participates in the church service once a month. In the evening at Murphy the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, held an interesting Easter service.

PITTSBURG. Twenty-four members received during Holy Week, eleven on confession of faith. A 24-inch bronze cross with a suitable altar was dedicated. The cross and altar and drapes have created a beauty and radiance which call forth reverence and inspire worship. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Thirty-one new members were received and twenty children baptized on Easter Sunday. Dr. Boynton Merrill, pastor of the First Congregational Church of West Newton, Mass., preached the morning sermon on April 24. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Easter Sunday gave the record of the largest attendance at Sunday school and churches services. Progress is being made in meeting the church building debt. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SALIDA. The young people attended Easter sunrise service at Modesto, and conducted the evening church service. At eleven o'clock the church was crowded. Two members were received on Palm Sunday. C. Virgil Carlson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. With a capacity congregation present on Easter, eight children were baptized and six new members received, four of whom united on confession of faith. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, reports that 283 persons attended the Easter service, every seat being taken. The offering amounted to $108. Three new members were received into fellowship.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward reports a very successful and inspiring Easter week, including candlelight communion service, on Easter Sunday evening a musical program. Attendance on Easter morning, 574.

ALAMEDA. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, is giving six sermons in a psychological study of Joseph under the title, "Spoiled Child and Problem Parent." "His Cross" was the name of the religious play, depicting the story of the dramatic incident on Jerusalem on the day of the crucifixion. It was successfully presented by the young people at an evening service. It is to be repeated by request at the First Methodist Church. A Turkish "At Home" was arranged and carried on by the World Service Committee.

RIPON. Twenty new members were received, twelve of them on confession of faith. An every-member canvass has netted an increased income of approximately $500. The Central Association meeting was held here May 4, with a fine program. A post-Easter letter and program has been sent out to the membership of the church to prevent the usual slump after the climax of Easter. Rev. Robert A. Bentley is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Eight new members were received, five of them on confession of faith. A junior choir has been organized. The 12th birthday of the church was celebrated on April 26 with a supper. Guest preachers were honored. Superintendent Harley H. Gill made the address. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is the pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM ARMENIAN. A new memorial window has been installed and dedicated at a cost of close to $1,000. New hymn books have been acquired, both English and Armenian, the latter imported from the American Bible House at Constantinople. Rev. M. G. Papazian is the pastor.

OROVILLE. Ten new members were received on Easter Sunday. "A street scene outside of Pilate's house the first Easter morning" was effectively portrayed by moving figures while the story was being told, at the Sunday evening service. Rev. Henry Stauffer, interim pastor.

SOQUEL. New silver offering plates the gift of Mary Jane Prescott, were dedicated at the Easter service. A new piano from the Christian Endeavor Society was in place and a cash gift for new hymn books is assured. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Eleven new members were added to the church in April. A cantata, entitled "The Easter Sunrise Song," was given Easter Sunday morning to an appreciative audience. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Six new members were received on Palm Sunday. Communion service was conducted on Maundy Thursday. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

SARATOGA. Thirteen new members were received at Easter, ten on confession of faith. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. The pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears, reports good attendance at Easter services, both morning and evening, and received three new members on confession of faith.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Holy Week interest was indicated by increased attendance and offering, together with special services and appreciative audiences. Harvey V. Miller is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. The Easter morning service had an attendance of 575, with a number being turned away, and the Easter offering amounted to $350. Twenty-five new members were received on Maundy Thursday evening, making a total of 55 thus far this year and 166 during the past two and one-half years.

The pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, gave a twelve-minute talk on "The Meaning of Easter" at the local theatre to a group of 600 boys and girls who were in attendance at the morning children's matinee on the Saturday before Easter.

SANTA ROSA. A series of Sunday evening services is planned to run from April 24 to June 5, to discuss subjects of interest to the seven following groups: Labor, Farm, School, Youth, Inter-church, Co-op, and Politics and Peace. The discussions are being based on Kagawa's book, "Brotherhood Economics," and are being led by men who know their subjects. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Nine new members were taken into the church on Palm Sunday, all adults, two by letter. The church capacity is 100, but 165 crowded in at the Easter service. Due to the Masonic Club the church was redecorated on the outside and the floor was cleaned and waxed. Rev. Alden A. Read is pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. An adult study class has been formed, using the Gospel of Mark as a basis for a four-weeks' period. The interest of the group is encouraging. Forty young people enjoyed a skating party one evening in April. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

SAN MATEO. The pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Pioneer Church, Sacramento, on April 24. The Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches of San Mateo and Burlingame united in a program for Holy Week.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Twenty-eight new members were received on Easter Sunday and nine children were baptized. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo exchanged pulpits with the pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, on April 24.

SONOMA. The chorus choir presented a very beautiful service of music on Easter evening, with the various fraternal organizations of the city in attendance. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

NILES. The church and parsonage were completely destroyed by fire on April 20—partly insured. The people are not disheartened and are a unit in planning to rebuild immediately. Rev. Richard C. Day, pastor.

KENWOOD. Seventy were present at the Easter service. A choir had been organized and appeared for the first time in their new gowns. Rev. Frank E. Boren is the pastor.

PARLIER. Five members received, three on confession and two by letter. Plans are being made to interest the young people more thoroughly in the work of the church. The Sunday evening service is arranged for their need. Rev. M. M. Aijian is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. Eight adults were added to the membership and eight children were dedicated at an unusually fine Easter service. The Women's Guild has purchased a beautiful new carpet for the church auditorium, also new drapes. Thirty-five younger business and married women have formed a group to assist the church in its programs. The men are planning a complete renovation of the interior of the church. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Twelve hundred attended the eleven o'clock Easter service. Four babies were baptized. There was a service at 7:30 p. m. and also an interdenominational songfest at 9 p. m. Forty new members were received on Maundy Thursday, with 600 present, including First Presbyterian Church members, now building a new edifice. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

Friends of the late Rev. Mahlon Willett, D.D., formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz, placed in this church in his memory a bronze plaque, worded as follows: "In loving memory of Mahlon Willett, pastor of this church for twelve years, admired for his ability, loved for his Godlike, gentle spirit. This church was built during his pastorate and is a monument to his zeal."

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Members of this church are delighted to welcome back to the parish the Rev. Stewart E. Locke, who has been absent for more than two years. On Easter Sunday, the last day of his temporary pastorate, Rev. Ernest W. Houlding welcomed two junior boys into church membership.

LODI. A fine Easter service, 8 new members received. This and increasing attendance at church services, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor meetings, are indications of growth. Union evening services are being conducted the year around with Methodist and Christian churches combining. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor, reports 55 new members since December, and 21 babies baptized at Easter time. A new Business and Professional Women's group averages attendance between 80 and 90.

ADIN. At Easter service the church was packed to the doors. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, has been cooperating in crop improvement and the distribution of trees for shade and windbreak.

WANTED—SUCH A PASTOR

When a church seeks a pastor
They often want
The strength of an eagle,
The grace of a swan,
The gentleness of a dove,
The friendliness of a sparrow,
And the night hours of an owl.
And when they catch that bird
They expect him to live
On the food of a canary.
—Record of Christian Work.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

SPRING MEETING

The Federation spring meeting in Stockton on April 21 was a happy occasion,—with perfect weather, a large attendance, an interesting program, and careful preparation for our coming and our comfort. There were 230 present.

VERSE CHOIR

A very lovely devotional was given by the Verse Choir of Sacramento, something new to some of us. Perfect unison, harmony of voices, delicate rhythm, and occasional crescendo or diminuendo, gave additional significance to Scripture selections and a beautiful poem. Mrs. Helen Moodie, director of the Sacramento Verse Choir, writes: "The movement originated in Germany after the war. Groups of men and women, lovers of poetry, came together for the purpose of reciting in unison to acquire effects of expression through the tone of voice. The Verse Choir objective is to express the mood of the poem through the medium of sound."

RELIGION IN EUROPE

Dr. Tully C. Knoles, president of College of the Pacific, spoke on "Europe Today," contrasted religion in Europe with religion in America. Religion on the continent is tending to be theological; religion in America is tending to be sociological. The Roman Catholic Church, as such, never changes its mind, and does not bother itself about sociology. Karl Marx is influencing Europe in religion more than anyone since Calvin. According to Marx, the Kingdom of God will come in the fulness of time, no matter what we do. Religion in America is humanistic and activistic and believes that the Kingdom of God is waiting for humans to do Jesus' will.

THE PHILIPPINES

Mrs. James F. McKinley, attractive young American Board missionary, gave us an interesting glimpse of Silliman Institute at Dumaguete on Negros, about 400 miles south of Manila, P. I. Silliman, with 1,200 students, is carried on by Presbyterians and Congregationalists jointly. Mr. McKinley is dean of the College of Theology there, and Mrs. McKinley has classes in hygiene, child care, etc. for the deaconesses. The large southern island of Mindanao is our Congregational responsibility, and it is here, in the Lanao region, that Dr. Frank Laubach is carrying on his remarkable educational work. The McKinleys sailed for the Philippines on April 30. Their Beech Auto, which holds eight persons, went with them to Dumaguete where Mr. McKinley will use it to carry his young theologues, an organ, hymn books, supplies, etc. for out-of-town meetings. They took with them for their work among children a box of our used Christmas cards, carefully reconditioned.

HOME OF THE FUTURE

Dr. Lynn T. White of San Francisco Theological Seminary spoke at the spring meeting on "What will our children hand on to their children?" He said the home is the most potent factor in the whole life of children. Other institutions teach; the home trains. The raw material that gets across to our children in their thoughtless, pre-reasoning period is what they will use later on. "I have no religion," said a youth, "but when I want to do some things Something will not let me do them." Always in the past a good home has had a religious basis. Ideas and loyalties cannot be put on a child unless they are binding on the father and mother. Our children are going to change; but what material have they to work over into something new? A young man to whom a suit of clothes had been left by a deceased relative took it to a tailor to see if anything could be done with it. "You see how out-of-date the cut is," he said apologetically, but the tailor exclaimed, "Never mind the cut. We can change that. But where did you get that material?" Be as up-to-date as you will, but be up-to-date with good material.

M. E. M. CONFERENCE

Mrs. Avery Howe of Palo Alto advises us to begin now to select delegates to the M. E. M. Conference at Asilomar, July 17-22. Dr. Caldwell Smith will give a course on India, where he spent many years. "The Church Takes Root in India," by Basil Matthews, will be our study book this year; also a book on the City Church by Sam Kinslow. Two years ago six Congregationalists attended M. E. M., last year, 30; this year we are hoping for 50. There are four different rates, from $13.75 per week, up,—an opportunity for a pleasant, inexpensive vacation, plus an education!

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

The Festival of Nations, put on this spring by the Woman's Association of Berkeley, First Church, was both interesting and successful. It included their annual Flower Show, with a rock garden, and various booths selling plants, bulbs, and cut flowers. Young girls also sold corsages and boutonnieres through the audience. The small reception room had the added charm of Mrs. Chiura Obata's beautiful Japanese flower arrangements. Booths were located in various parts of the building: a White Elephant booth, a Work booth (aprons), a Jam and Jelly booth, a Cooky booth, a Food booth, an Ice Cream booth, and a Homemade Candy booth. English tea was served at small tables, and fortunes were told from tea leaves. The smorgasbord dinner was crowded to capacity, and there have been appeals for a "repeat." Flags of various nations were on the walls, and each booth represented some country, with its attendants in "native" costume: Dutch (bulb booth), Mexican (rock garden booth), Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish, German, etc. Net proceeds to date $962.75. This goes toward the women's pledge of $1,500 for the church's end of the Debt Fund ($32,000) which was subscribed on Palm Sunday.

SHEPHERD TO CHINA

Dr. George W. Shepherd delayed his departure for China long enough to initiate plans in this country for Madame Chiang's Children's Fund, to care for the 20,000 or more little Chinese children whose parents have been killed in the conflict. He left by clipper from San Francisco on April 27 in order to be in China at Mme. Chiang's request for the New Life Conference on May 10.

SOCIAL ACTION

The Adult Forum of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley has for its purpose the encouragement of constructive, Christian thinking on the problems of this changing world. Men and women gather together on Sunday mornings for devotionals after which a thoroughly qualified speaker presents the problem to be discussed. A question period follows this presentation and a real attempt is made to clarify the issues. No question is too controversial to be considered as The Forum is entirely educational and does not take action as a group; when there are very apparent differences of opinion on a topic all sides are presented by equally well qualified exponents—however, the attempt is made to present the problem and lead the thinking, but not to dogmatize, to debate, or to develop a particular solution.

"The Challenge of Today—What Can the Church Do About It" discussing "World Christian Social Attitudes," "Oxford Confronts the Present World," "A Layman Looks at Social Action in the Church," "What the Church Can Do for Social Progress" and closing with Supt. Gill's address on "The Church's Answer to a Menacing World" was an excellent series as was the group of talks concerning "Home Life Problems" which included such topics as Health Insurance, Housing, Migrants, Marijuana Menace, Juvenile Delinquency, Family Relations, etc. Other series were presented on Labor, on Consumer Problems, on Cooperatives, on Legislation, on the Federal Projects and a very fine one on Peace Machinery which included among other discussions such topics as The Ludlow Amendment, Reciprocal Trade Agreements, etc.

University professors, judges, business men, governmental representatives, ministers, lecturers, travelers, psychologists, child guidance experts and many others have been most cooperative and have given generously of their time and energy both in lecturing and in guidance.

To further the educational work The Forum has as its main project (supported by the collection) the Church Library and through this medium offers to the church constituency up-to-date, carefully chosen books and publications on topics of interest to all thoughtful Christians.

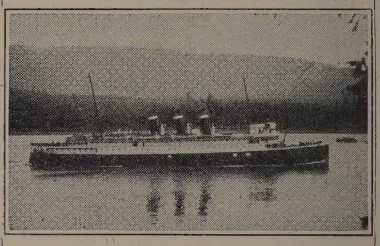
During May the Forum plans to discuss each of the topics in the coming Economic Plebiscite.

—Mrs. J. M. Burk.

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS

Northern California Congregational churches have received in grants from the Congregational Church Building Society $135,421. This means that the missionary giving of Congregational people throughout the United States has been invested in church buildings now in use here in California. In other words, it amounts to as much as all of our churches are contributing for all missionary work—home, foreign, and state—for four years' time! This has been done by our Congregational brethren for the sake of Christ's Kingdom in California, and that we and our children may have houses in which to worship God and to carry forward religious education. Can we do less than make liberal offerings that such help may be extended to others?

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TOUR



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